

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): [[A]] An equities trading method, the method comprising:
presenting trading information including an order book on a real-time graphical display, said step of presenting ~~the order book~~ trading information including:

displaying on a display canvas time on an X axis and price on a Y axis;

displaying a variety of scales, said variety of scales including multiple price and time scales;

displaying orders and trades as distinguished graphical marks;

providing visual attributes to ~~each~~ of said graphical marks, ~~such as~~ said visual attributes including at least one attribute from the group of attributes consisting of: i) line thickness, ii) color [[or]] and variation in iii) shape of each graphical mark, the visual attributes applied to an individual graphical mark being based on at least one of: an attribute such as i) order intention, ii) order age, iii) order size, ~~or~~ and iv) trade volume, corresponding to the individual graphical mark for which the visual attributes are being provided; ~~and~~

providing a trader an opportunity to enter orders that will be automatically routed to a market center of a computer's choice by said trader clicking in a special an auto-route band; and

having- operating the computer to choose a destination that has the fastest response time and the best price.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a special graphical mark on said real-time graphical display which said trader can manipulate along said Y axis to adjust intended price and over said X axis to adjust an intended time of placement;

(b) showing on said real-time graphical display said trader's own active orders, recent orders, and trades alongside other participants' orders in a manner that distinguishes said trader's active orders and trades from other participants in a market whereby said trader can make visual comparison.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein said real-time graphical display visualizes order books of multiple different markets, the order book of and individual market being shown as a vertical bands, multiple vertical bands corresponding to the different markets being shown one side of said real-time graphical display.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method of claim 3 wherein each of said vertical bands displays orders originating from a single market.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method of claim 3 wherein the price of orders are indicated on said Y axis with distinguished graphical marks.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of claim 2, further comprising:
providing said trader with an opportunity to route orders to a specific market center by moving a ~~special~~ graphical mark inside a vertical band corresponding to said specific market center and to adjust a limit price by a vertical movement of said special graphical mark.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The method of claim 6, further comprising:
providing said trader an opportunity to send, cancel and re-send an order to the specific market center by predetermined user action whenever price, size or another parameter of said order has changed.

Claim 8 (canceled):

Claims 9-15 (canceled):

Claim 16 (new): An equities trading method, the method comprising:
presenting trading information including an order book on a real-time graphical display, said step of presenting the trading information including:
displaying on a display canvas time on an X axis and price on a Y axis;
displaying a variety of scales, said variety of scales including multiple price and time scales;
displaying sell offers, buy offers and trades using distinguished graphical marks, sell offers and buy offers being displayed as lines, the line thickness of a line corresponding to a sell order being a function of the size of the order to which the line corresponds;
providing visual attributes to of said graphical marks, said visual attributes including at least one attribute from the group of attributes consisting of: i) line thickness, ii) color and iii) shape, the visual attributes applied to an individual graphical mark being based on at least one of: i) order intention, ii) order age, iii) order size and iv) trade volume, corresponding to the individual graphical mark for which the visual attributes are being provided; and
providing a user the opportunity to buy a security by moving an element displayed on the graphical display.

Claim 17 (new): The method of claim 16, wherein providing a user the opportunity to buy a security by moving an element displayed on the graphical display includes:
providing the user the opportunity to drag a buy bar upward to buy a security.

Claim 18 (new): The method of claim 17 , further comprising:
displaying a sell bar which the user can drag downward to sell a security.

Claim 19 (new): The method of claim 18, further comprising:
displaying the volume of shares traded as blocks displayed on the bottom of the screen along the horizontal axis.

Claim 20 (new): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a graphical mark on said real-time graphical display which said trader can manipulate along said Y axis to adjust intended price and over said X axis to adjust an intended time of placement;
- (b) showing on said real-time graphical display said trader's own active orders, recent orders, and trades alongside other participants' orders in a manner that distinguishes said trader's active orders and trades from other participants in a market whereby said trader can make visual comparison.

Claim 21 (new): The method of claim 20, wherein said real-time graphical display visualizes order books of multiple different markets, the order book of and individual market being shown as a vertical, multiple vertical bands corresponding to the different markets being shown one side of said real-time graphical display .

Claim 22 (new): The method of claim 21, wherein each of said vertical bands displays orders originating from a single market.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 21, wherein the price of orders are indicated on said Y axis with distinguished graphical marks.

Claim 24 (new): The method of claim 2, further comprising:

providing said trader with an opportunity to route orders to a specific market center by moving a graphical mark inside a vertical band corresponding to said specific market center and to adjust a limit price by a vertical movement of said special graphical mark.